

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.RES. 77
OFFERED BY MR. MACK OF FLORIDA

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas months of torrential rains, culminating in January 2011, created the worst natural disaster in the history of Colombia;

Whereas severe flooding has affected the lives of more than 2,300,000 Colombians leaving, by United Nations' estimates, more than 300 people dead and 400,000 homes damaged or destroyed;

Whereas critical infrastructure and agricultural areas were decimated, ruining crops and devastating opportunities for legal Colombian businesses;

Whereas the incentive to produce duty-free drug-crop substitutes, fostering economic development in Colombia, is threatened by an uncertain fate for the extension of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA);

Whereas the United States Government continues to provide important support to the people of Colombia in the wake of the floods; and

Whereas the peoples of the United States and Colombia share democratic values and desire a mutually prosperous relationship: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) stands with the people of Colombia as they
2 continue to endure the devastating consequences of
3 the flood season;

4 (2) urges the renewal of the temporary exten-
5 sion of the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug
6 Eradication Act (ATPDEA); and

7 (3) calls on the President to engage in a rela-
8 tionship with Colombia, a longstanding democratic
9 ally of the United States, that promotes economic
10 growth and reinforces the fight against drug traf-
11 ficking.

